



Official Ballot for 2025 Coordinated Election
Chaffee County, Colorado
Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Loni Mitchell
Clerk and Recorder

Ballot Type: 2
County/ Salida School
Ballot Style 2



To vote for a named candidate, or for or against a ballot measure, completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. Use blue or black ink.



To make a correction, draw a bold line through the oval and candidate name or ballot measure selection marked by mistake, then fill in the oval next to the correct name.

WARNING: Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an eligible elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, or who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any mail ballot before or after it has been cast, or who destroys, defaces, mutilates, or tampers with a ballot is subject, upon conviction, to imprisonment, or to a fine, or both. Section 1-7.5-107(3)(b), C.R.S.

Local College District Offices	School District Offices	Ballot Measures
Colorado Mountain College Board of Trustees - District 1 Four Year Term (Vote for One)	Salida School District R-32-J Board of Directors - District 4 Four Year Term (Vote for One)	Ballot questions referred by the general assembly or any political subdivision are listed by letter, and ballot questions initiated by the people are listed numerically. A ballot question listed as an "amendment" proposes a change to the Colorado constitution, and a ballot question listed as a "proposition" proposes a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes. A "yes/for" vote on any ballot question is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a "no/against" vote on any ballot question is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.
Markey Butler ☐	Ben Hill ☐	
Colorado Mountain College Board of Trustees - District 3 Four Year Term (Vote for One)	Salida School District R-32-J Board of Directors - District 5 Four Year Term (Vote for One)	
Elizabeth Sass ☐	Jenn Schuchman ☐	State Ballot Measures
Colorado Mountain College Board of Trustees - District 7 Four Year Term (Vote for One)	Salida School District R-32-J Board of Directors - At Large Four Year Term (Vote for One)	Proposition LL (STATUTORY)
Nico Brown ☐	Tiffany L. Rhodes ☐	Without raising taxes, may the state keep and spend all revenue generated by the 2022 voter-approved state tax deduction limits on individuals with incomes of \$300,000 or more and maintain these deduction limits in order to continue funding the healthy school meals for all program, which pays for public schools to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students in kindergarten through twelfth grade?
Colorado Mountain College Board of Trustees - At Large Four Year Term (Vote for Two)	Joe Smith ☐	YES/FOR ☐
Beth Helmke ☐		NO/AGAINST ☐
Magda King ☐		
School District Offices		
Salida School District R-32-J Board of Directors - District 3 Four Year Term (Vote for One)		
Mandy Paschall ☐		

Mark both sides of the ballot

State Ballot Measures

Proposition MM (STATUTORY)

SHALL STATE TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$95 MILLION ANNUALLY BY A CHANGE TO THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD FOR COLORADO KIDS AND FAMILIES, INCLUDING THE HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, INCREASING STATE TAXABLE INCOME ONLY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A FEDERAL TAXABLE INCOME OF \$300,000 OR MORE BY LIMITING ITEMIZED OR STANDARD STATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS TO \$1,000 FOR SINGLE TAX RETURN FILERS AND \$2,000 FOR JOINT TAX RETURN FILERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF FULLY FUNDING THE HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL PROGRAM TO CONTINUE PAYING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OFFER FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHILE ALSO INCREASING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO PREPARE AND SERVE SCHOOL MEALS, HELPING SCHOOLS USE BASIC, NUTRITIOUS INGREDIENTS, INSTEAD OF PROCESSED PRODUCTS, AND ENSURING THAT COLORADO GROWN AND RAISED PRODUCTS ARE PART OF SCHOOL MEALS; SUPPORTING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) THAT HELPS LOW-INCOME COLORADO FAMILIES AFFORD GROCERIES; AND ALLOWING THE STATE TO RETAIN AND SPEND AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE ALL ADDITIONAL TAX REVENUE GENERATED BY THESE TAX DEDUCTION CHANGES?

Changes in Income Taxes Owed by Income Category

Income Category	Proposed Change in Average Income Tax Owed
\$299,999 or less	\$0
\$300,000 or more	+\$486

YES/FOR ☐NO/AGAINST ☐

County Ballot Measures

Chaffee County Ballot Issue 1A

Tourism Supporting Local Needs

SHALL CHAFFEE COUNTY'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$3,500,000 ANNUALLY ESTIMATED FOR THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2026) AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE COUNTY'S LODGING TAX 4.0% FOR A TOTAL RATE OF 5.9% APPLIED ON THE LEASING OR RENTING OF ROOMS OR OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS WITHIN CHAFFEE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BUENA VISTA, SALIDA, AND PONCHA SPRINGS, OF THE PRICE PAID OR CHARGED FOR SUCH LODGING, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH ADDITIONAL 4% LODGING TAX, TOGETHER WITH INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON, TO BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- NOT LESS THAN 10% FOR ADVERTISING AND MARKETING LOCAL TOURISM
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CHILDCARE FOR LOCAL WORKFORCE
- PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS
- ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES INCLUDING FUNDING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AND SUCH TAX TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES/FOR ☐NO/AGAINST ☐

Local College District Ballot Measures

Colorado Mountain College Issue 7C

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX AND WITHOUT EXCEEDING THE LIMIT APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2018, SHALL COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE WAIVE THE 5.25% PROPERTY TAX LIMIT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS FOR INVESTMENT IN:

- EXPANDING SKILLED TRADES, INCLUDING AUTOMOTIVE, WELDING, AND CONSTRUCTION;
- TRAINING NURSES, FIREFIGHTERS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS;
- HOUSING SOLUTIONS TO RETAIN LOCAL TALENT;

AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES/FOR ☐NO/AGAINST ☐Mark both sides of the ballot 